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NEWARK WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO WIRE FRAUD

David C. Weiss, United States Attorney for the District of Delaware, and Colonel Robert M. Coupe, of the Delaware State Police announced today that Cynthia Declet, age 54, entered a guilty plea before the Honorable Gregory M. Sleet on February 1, 2010, to a one count felony information charging her with wire fraud, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1343. Sentencing was set for May 6, 2010 at 11:00 A.M.

According to the criminal Information and plea agreement, between March 2006, and January 2009, Declet defrauded her employer, QA Edge, Inc., out of approximately \$287,000 by withdrawing money from the company's business account and transferring funds into her personal bank account and another account under her control, as well as by making unauthorized charges on the corporate American Express card. Declet sought to conceal these illegal transactions by transferring funds from the company's line of credit to the business account, and by overstating accounts receivable and understating accounts payable in her reports to her superiors.

Declet, 54, is a resident of Newark, Delaware. She faces a maximum penalty of 30 years imprisonment and a \$1,000,000 fine.

United States Attorney Weiss said, "The investigation and prosecution in this matter reflects the commitment of this office to ensuring that those who commit financial crimes face serious consequences. We are extremely pleased to have the Financial Crimes Unit of the Delaware State Police as our partners in this commitment and commend them for their outstanding work in this matter."

Colonel Robert M. Coupe said, "This is the second announcement in as many days regarding local businesses whom were victimized through internal monetary thefts of a grand scale. The common thread in both cases was that the suspect, or person responsible, for the thievery was a person of trust within the company. These incidents underscore the fact that businesses need to be vigilant in protecting their economic interest through regular audits and records checks."

The case was investigated by the Delaware State Police and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Lesley Wolf. For further information, contact Assistant United States Attorney Wolf at (302) 573-6277.

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